

## **CTK E-News Contents-May 27, 2015**

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### **A Note From Pastor Andrew**

I've been in prayer quite a bit about what I wrote last week. I honestly hesitated whether or not to put it in the e-news or not, but I'm glad I did. I'm glad because I believe it needed to be out there. We need to be transparent about the state of the church. I had one person approach me on Sunday about it, but other than that, that's been it. I cannot help though feeling we are going through our own wilderness experience.

When the Hebrews left Egypt, they wandered the desert for forty years. FORTY YEARS!!! That's a long time, and the more I think about it, I find myself connecting with the people and their complaints. They complained because although they were in slavery in Egypt, they knew what to expect day in and day out. Their lives were consistent, and as strange as it may sound there was a bit of comfort knowing what your days were going to look like, even if it meant you were a slave. Being in the desert they had each other, but everyday brought with it one thing, the unknown. The unknown can be scary, very scary, it can make one think all is hopeless. It can make one begin to believe things that are unbelievable, irrational things. Being caught up in the unknown can make one doubt, doubt everything, and further believe that the best thing to do is to simply stay put and not move at all. Maybe this could have been a reason the trip took the Hebrews so long. Maybe...maybe not.

Lately, this is where I feel CTK is at, at a standstill. Stuck in a state of unknown, and I fear if we don't do something about it, we'll be stuck in the wilderness too long. Now, I know this isn't the first time CTK has been compared to the Hebrews in the desert. In fact, I believe we could find correlation all the way back to our beginning; however, the time has come to move forward. Here's the thing though, I don't know exactly what that look like. This is where I need your help. What are your hopes and dreams for CTK? Where do you see us going? What do you see as our goals, or for that matter THE GOAL? The people in the desert knew of the Promised Land, but they had no idea what that looked like either. Therefore the questions become, what is our promised land, once we know of it how do we get there, and just what are you invested in giving to get there?

At the end of the day we have what the people in the desert had, each other. Now how do we work as one to rekindle the hope, see the Word made alive, and keep CTK living as well? I thank you in advance for the work ahead.

Pastor Andrew

### **Announcements**

#### **Altar Flowers**

Thank you for signing up to sponsor the Altar flowers each week. There are still a few Sundays available. The cost for flowers is \$20 each week. Please remember to pay for your flowers. If you aren't sure if you paid please see Sue Halamka.

### **Wojo Garden Center Shopping Days**

It's time to start thinking about gardening and flowers. Once again we will be doing the Wojo's fundraiser. You shop at any Wojo's on two specific days and Wojo's will donate 10% of all purchases for those two days. All you have to do is tell them you are shopping for "Christ the King Lapeer" when you check out. It is so easy!!!

### **Our shopping days are Saturday, June 6.**

Wojo's has 3 locations-Davison, Ortonville and Lake Orion. Any questions please see Sue Halamka.

### **Friendship Sunday**

When? Every first Sunday of each month! What? Invite friends, family, co-workers to a free breakfast and an amazing service! Just tell them, "Yummy food, no dishes, no preparation.....then sit down for a relaxing and invigorating service!"

**Absolutely Everyone** welcome, no matter where, when or how you are in life!

### **Baby Bottle Campaign**

Mother's Day - Father's Day we will collect money in baby bottles for the Pregnancy Resource Center of Lapeer. Pick up a baby bottle, fill it up, turn it back in by June 14.

### **Mini Golf and Go Karting**

Sunday, June 7th we will meet at Lake Nepessing Golfland at noon for a fun afternoon of Mini-golf and Go Karting. Please sign up on the bulletin board. . \$12 per person includes 2 go-kart rides and 1 round of mini-golf. We must have 10 people sign up to receive this deal. Sign up on the Fellowship bulletin board.

### **Father's Day Breakfast**

Join us on Sunday, June 21 at 8:00 am for a breakfast to honor all father's and father figures. Please sign up to help with food for this special day.

### **Pig Roast and BBQ**

On Sunday, July 12th at 12:00 noon we will have a pig roast and BBQ at Crampton Park (corner of M-24 and M-21). Invite family and friends to this fun event at CTK. Pork, drinks and tableware will be provided. We will have some yard games here to play. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Also, please bring lawn chairs. Watch for a sign up sheet.

### **Thrivent**

The Lapeer County Board of Directors has decided to organize a team for Relay for Life. We are asking all Lutheran Congregations in the area to participate. It is June 13 and 14 at the Eastern Michigan Fair Grounds in Imlay City. This money goes to the American Cancer Society. If you would like to honor someone who has passed from cancer or to celebrate a cancer survivor, please consider donating to the cause as a memorial to them. You are also encouraged to participate in the walk, even if you can only give us an hour or two. Please sign up on the bulletin board to participate.

All requests for funding for any project must be in submitted, approved and completed prior to June 1st. If you have a project or activity after that time please consider applying for Action Team funding.

Any questions please contact Marsha Schultz at 586-481-9596

### **Church Council**

The next Church Council meeting is Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. (one week early in June). We meet the third Sunday of every month. Anyone is welcome to attend. We have one position open on the council. Please see Pastor Andrew or Steve Halamka if you would like more information.

### **Needed: Prayer Warriors**

We are looking for more prayer warriors. What do you have to do, you ask?

I send you an email asking you to pray for Judy Weaver or whoever it is. In the quietness of your home or wherever you are, you say a prayer. If you need more info or have a question you can call me, text, or email. I will get back with you. Easy enough.....you have now become a warrior. Our Church needs more people to be prayer warriors. Would you consider this task as part of your way of giving back to God.

No Special talent needed. Only SPECIAL People willing to spend time with God, for a minute or an hour, however long you choose. If you are already a warrior I Thank You for your gift to God. In Christian Love and Prayers, Judy Weaver

### **CTK Teams**

All our Team meetings are open to everyone. Please stop in and see what we are doing.

#### **Marketing and Publicity Team**

Next meeting is June 4 at 7:15 p.m. We meet the first Thursday of every month.

#### **Fellowship Team**

Next meeting is on June 14 at 8:30 a.m. We meet the second Sunday of every month

#### **Outreach Team**

Next meeting is June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. We meet the second Thursday of every month.

#### **Worship Team**

The next Worship team meeting is on May 28, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. We meet the fourth Thursday of every month.

### **CTK Small Groups**

#### **Bible Study**

Nora Murray will be opening her home for a Women's Bible Study at 1:00 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 17. If you are interested please call Nora at 810-356-5049.

#### **Sowing Threads of Fellowship**

Sowing Threads of Fellowship meets the first Tuesday of each month in people's homes. The next meeting time is Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nora Murray.

#### **Women's Group**

Women's group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at CTK. We share a meal together, share stories and laughter. Come and join us!

The next meeting is June 9 at 6:00 pm, please bring your favorite picnic dish to share!

### **Schedule of Events**

**Thursday, May 28**

5:00 pm Worship Team meeting

5:45 pm Free Meal

6:30 pm Worship

**Sunday, May 31**

8:15 am Fellowship Time

9:00 am Worship

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Fellowship and Bible Study

**Tuesday, June 2**

7:00 pm Sewing Threads of Fellowship\*

**Thursday, June 4**

5:45 pm Free Meal

6:30 pm Worship

7:15 pm Marketing and Publicity Team meeting

**Sunday, June 7**

8:00 am Pancake breakfast

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Fellowship

12:00 noon Go Kart and Mini Golf\*